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REMARKS

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1. Bismarck Kaserne on Weissenfelderstrasse, Naumburg (A 53/J 89):
 - a. A special sentry wearing black-bordered black epaulets without branch-of-service insignia was seen in front of one of the barracks buildings on 25 March 1950. Troops with the following service colors were observed:
 - Red-bordered black epaulets, some with artillery insignia
 - Black-bordered red epaulets
 - Black-bordered black epaulets, some with signal insignia
 - Blue-bordered black epaulets with motor transport insignia.
 - b. Some of the upper bas seen through the windows of the barracks buildings were not occupied in late March 1950. However, all were occupied on 1 April 1950. The newly arrived soldiers appeared to be recruits as they had closely cropped hair.
 - c. A 37-mm AA gun was parked in the barracks yard.
 - d. Near the fence, ten soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets and having closely cropped hair disassembled a machine gun under the supervision of a sergeant.
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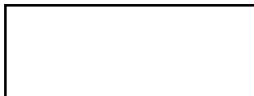
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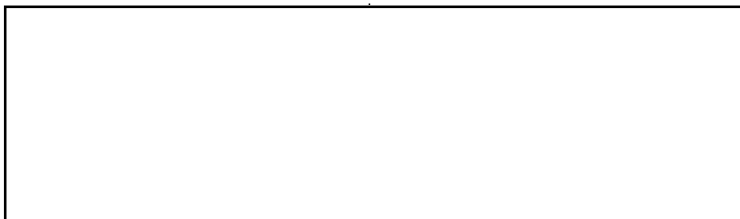
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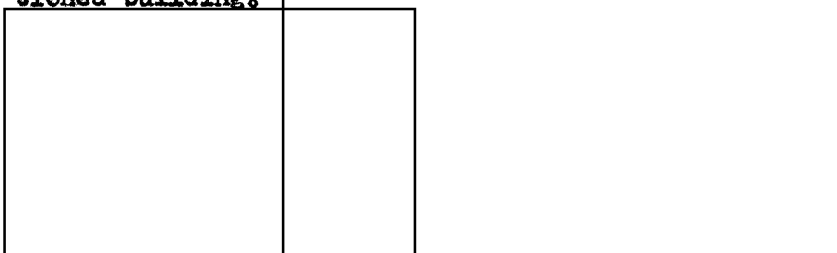
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2. Hindenburg Kaserne:

- a. The two barracks buildings along the railroad line were occupied by troops wearing black-bordered red epaulets. Two garages with a capacity of about 50 trucks bordered on the buildings. Many officers of various branches of service passed through the main gate of the barracks.
- b. Passenger cars and trucks were frequently parked in front of the barracks. Passenger cars moving through the gate stopped at the first barracks building or at the guard house. Motorcycle messengers were also seen at the mentioned building.

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3. Barracks on the northern side of Flemmingerweg:

- a. The following service colors were seen:

Red-bordered black epaulets without branch-of-service insignia
Red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia
Red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia
Black-bordered black epaulets without branch-of-service insignia
Black-bordered red epaulets without branch-of-service insignia
Blue-bordered black epaulets without branch-of-service insignia
(only occasionally seen).

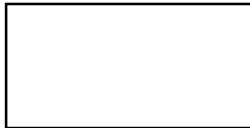
- b. There was constant traffic between the two barracks on the northern and southern side of Flemmingerweg.

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- c. Pontoons were seen between the garages in the NW sector of the barracks area.
- d. Two 122-mm howitzers were in the western sector of the barracks area. They apparently were used for the instruction for 10 men with closely cropped hair, supervised by an officer. Troops training with a light AA gun of 15 to 20 mm caliber were seen in the eastern barracks section. Six 16-man groups did close-order drill in the barracks yard. About 60 soldiers with closely cropped hair were observed at sports.

4. Barracks on the southern side of Flenmingerweg:

- a. A military band, three 500-man units and two 200-man units fell in in the barracks yard on 1 April 1950. As far as could be observed, all troops wore black-bordered red epaulets. While the units stood there, numerous soldiers were seen running around in the yard, particularly in front of two buildings in the western section. The troops in the barracks were estimated at 2,500.



5. Barbara Kaserne:

- a. Occupied by about 350 to 400 troops, most of whom wore black-bordered black epaulets with signal insignia and some red-bordered black epaulets.
- b. Two soldiers cleaned two radio trucks in the barracks yard.



6. Barracks on Nordstrasse:

Occupied by about 100 troops wearing black-bordered black epaulets, some with signal insignia.

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There was little traffic in the barracks area.
No training activity was seen.

7.a. Oberlandesgericht (superior provincial court), a two-story adjacent building on Moritzplatz and houses on Moritzwiesen, corner of Moritzplatz, seen to be occupied by a headquarters, as was indicated by motor vehicles and messenger traffic.

b. A villa with a large Soviet star on its roof, a distance of about 500 meters from Moritzplatz, was thought to be the billets of the commanding officer.

c. Officers of various branches of service, including many field officers, were seen at the headquarters.

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d. A guard unit, apparently a company, with red-bordered black epaulets, was stationed in the court building.

e. The following telephone lines were observed:
Between the houses on Moritzwiesen and the court building
Between the court building and the Ross Hotel
Between the Ross Hotel and the houses at the street triangle on Jacobsring.

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Comment:

The information on the Naumburg military post essentially tallies with the report [REDACTED] r

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[REDACTED] of 7 March 1950. [REDACTED] The report indicates that all Naumburg units were still at the post by 1 April 1950.

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The troops in the barracks on the northern side of Flemmingerweg seem to have been increased by about 500, as compared with the last report. It is considered possible that replacements (recruits ?) may have arrived in the barracks concerned during the period between the two reports.

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